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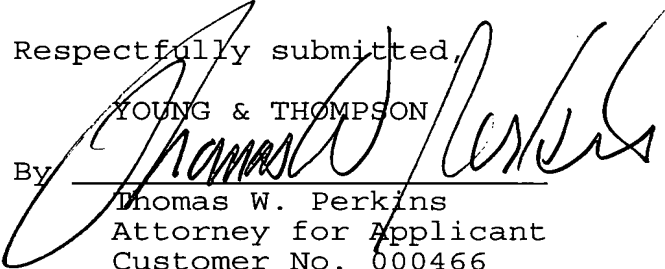
REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 9 and 11 were amended to correct multiple dependency. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

Claims 3-5, 9 and 11 have been amended as follows:

3. ~~(Amended)~~ Use according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ of 1,4 D-glucuronan polymers of formula (I) in which n is an integer between approximately 300 and approximately 2500, and R represents H.

4. ~~(Amended)~~ Use according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ of 1,4 b-D-glucuronan polymers of formula (I) in which n is an integer between approximately 300 and approximately 2500, and R represents H or COCH<sub>3</sub>, the weight percentage of COCH<sub>3</sub> preferably being between 0 and 30.5.

5. ~~(Amended)~~ Use according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ of b(1-4) chain glycuronic oligosaccharides, such as the oligo 1,4 b-D-glucuronans, the oligo 1,4 b-D-mannuronans, and the oligo 1,4 b-D-guluronans, whose DP is less than 30, and preferably between 2 and 15.

9. ~~(Amended)~~ Use according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, of oligo 1,4 b-D-glucuronans, whose DP is below approximately 30, and preferably between 2 and 15, as biofertilizers within the framework of uses linked to their activity of amplifying the enzyme 1,3 b-D-glucanase, and the enzyme 1,4 b-D-glucanase, within the framework of control of one or more stages of plant development, such as the control of fruit maturation, abscission, growth of the pistil or maturation of the anthers.

11. ~~(Amended)~~ Use according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, of oligo 1,4 b-D-mannuronans, whose DP is below approximately 30, and preferably between 2 and 15, as biofertilizers within the framework of uses linked to their activity of amplifying the enzyme xyloglucan endotransglycolase within the framework of the control of organization of cell walls during expansion of the tissues and/or to reinforce the plant cell walls and adapt them to environmental stimuli

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